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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,870,710, granted February 9, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled AUDIO TRANSMISSION, RECORDING AND REPRODUCING SYSTEM

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ / _____ and was amended on _____ (If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

It is respectfully submitted that the application from which the original patent issued failed to claim apparatus without the use of means plus function language and failed to claim certain features of our invention, as now set forth in the present reissue application. It is further respectfully submitted that at least one of the new claims added to the present reissue application are broader in scope with respect to the original patent in that the at least one new claim is not limited under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, 6th paragraph. It is further respectfully submitted that the application from which the original patent issued failed to claim other aspects of applicant's invention, specifically a memory interface apparatus.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated February 13, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.175, Applicants submit herewith a Reissue Declaration. The required fee for filing the Declaration, basic filing fee, total claims and independent claims are submitted herewith.

The Declaration enclosed herewith, attached to the specification, is believed to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

The undersigned hereby states that the specification to which the Declaration is attached is a true copy of the specification, and any amendments thereto, as originally filed in the Patent Office in order to obtain a filing date.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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